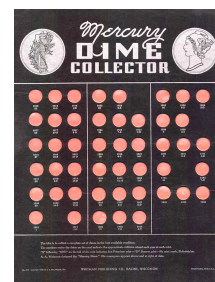


# Coin Board News

## For Collectors of Antique Coin Boards

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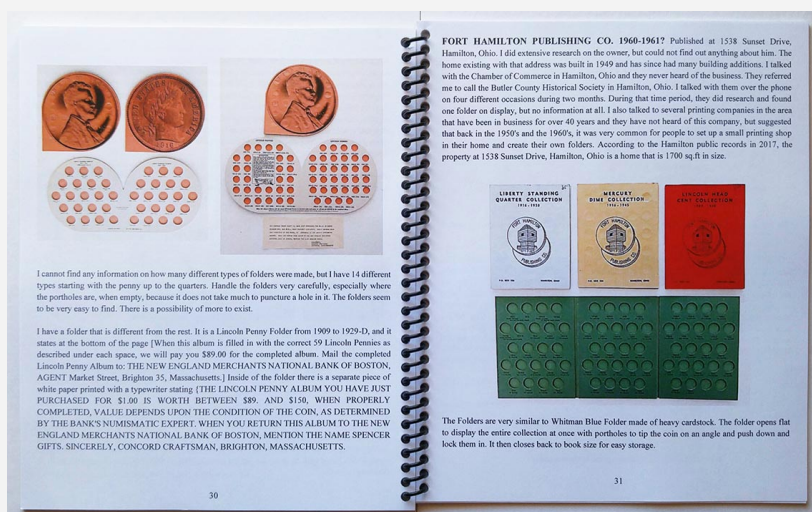
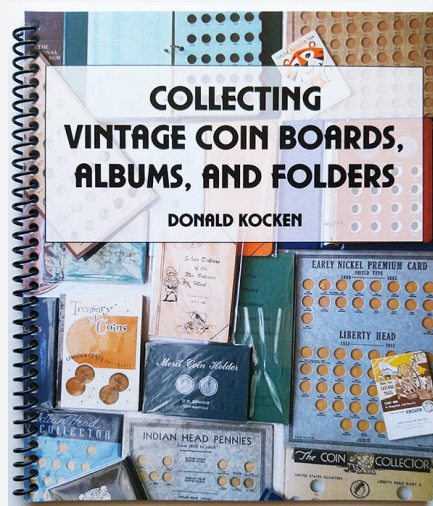


**GREETINGS...** from the Chairman of the Board. Spring brings the latest roundup of coin board developments, as well as a new list of boards for sale. In a related matter my book on Whitman coin folders and albums 1940-78 will be going to layout in April, and I hope to have it in print by late summer. This is Volume Three in a series documenting coin album publishers and their product lines, and it will likely be my biggest book yet.

**MARKET ACTIVITY** This was a particularly active quarter for coin board listings. Most were fairly routine offers of common boards over a variety of grades, but there were a few standouts. Otherwise boards rarely attract aggressive bidding, but one seller's offering of several scarcer titles brought impressive prices. The best of these was an example of O25¢Ck for Standing Liberty Quarters I graded F-VF that brought well over catalog value at \$92. This easily can happen when two buyers both lack a particular title. It was one of several boards from that seller featuring the vendor stamp of Sioux City Stationery Co. (see page 3). I bid on all of them for resale but was successful only on the Early Nickel board. Interestingly, the seller is located in Sioux City, too.

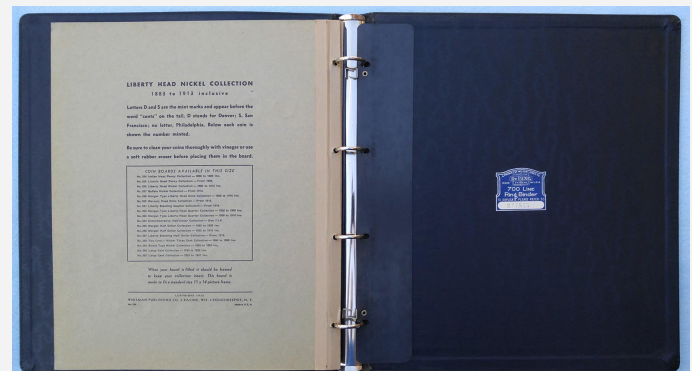
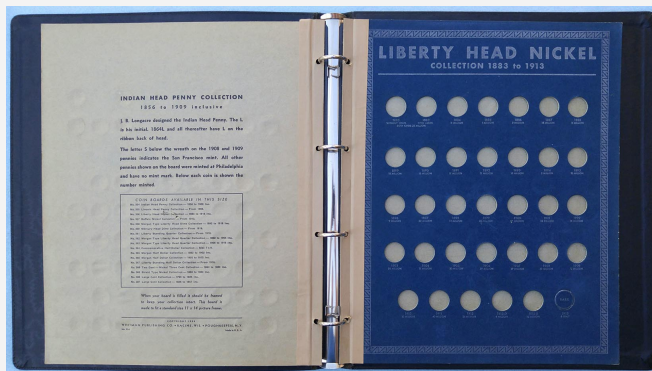
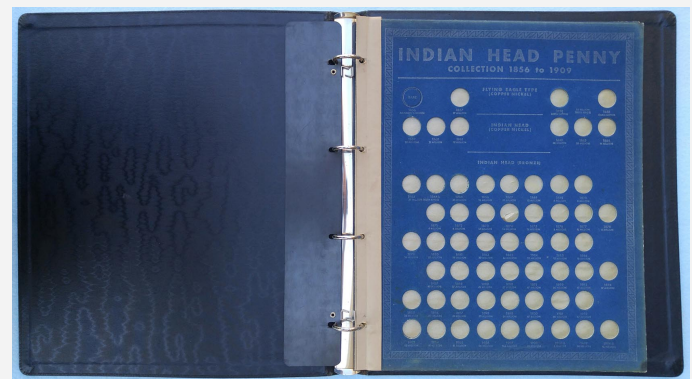
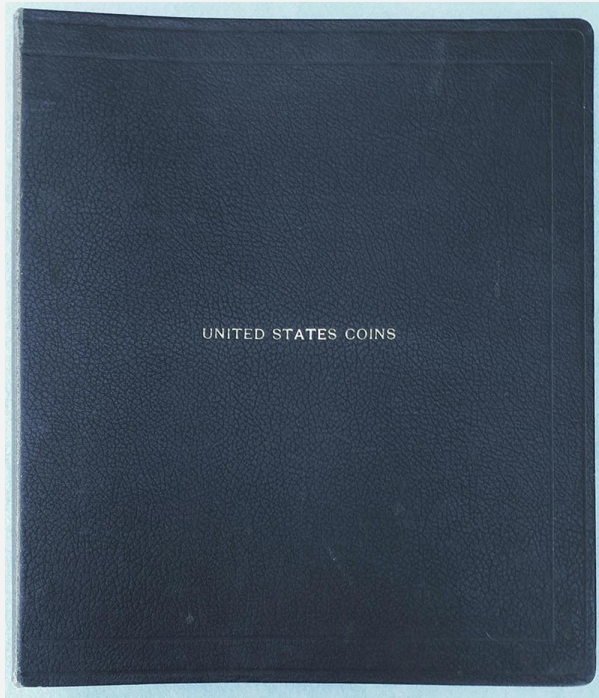
There were several Lincoln Printing and Oberwise boards that would have made nice additions to one's collection, but their inclusion of many coins pushed the prices realized well above that of the boards alone. A seller in Washington State listed two large lots of coin boards, one of which included a very choice example of Kent Company's Second Edition Lincoln Cent board, but with so many coins the lot brought over \$1000. Many times I've bought coin-filled boards when the price was right, but there's a lot of work involved in carefully removing the coins and then unloading them. Reluctantly, I had to pass this time. Let's just hope that the new owners of these two lots appreciate that the boards are of value in and of themselves and don't trash them while removing the coins.

**SPREADING THE GOSPEL** Fellow coin board and album collector Donald Kocken has been featured in *Coin Board News* several times, and now he's sharing his collecting experience in a charming little book. Titled *Collecting Vintage Coin Boards, Albums, and Folders*, it is 49 pages spiral bound and illustrated in full color. While all of these items will be featured in greater detail in later volumes of my own book series, this guide serves as a great introduction to what's out there to collect. Don's book is priced at just \$10, plus \$4.40 for shipping and handling. Contact him at 920-337-6509.



**BOOK UPDATES** Despite a great many eBay listings this quarter, there were no new discoveries that merit addition to my book. A possible exception is shown on the next page, but the jury is still out on this one.

**MYSTERY BINDER** A couple months ago, while doing my daily eBay searches, I spotted the item below that had just been listed. Though the BIN price seemed high, the old rule of “buy it when you see it, or you’ll never see it again” kicked in and made me bite. It’s a large, heavyweight ring binder with a richly grained texture and the words UNITED STATES COINS printed on the front cover. Two common Whitman Second Edition boards dated 1938 are included, these being punched four times each for mounting. The boards are in absolutely pristine condition, aside from one partially damaged opening in the cent board. It’s doubtful that this was a Publisher-made product from Whitman, but it is clearly of the period and quite interesting.



**ON THE ROAD AGAIN** Unless we’re all quarantined by a Covid-19 pandemic, I’ll be at the Central States Numismatic Society convention April 22-25. I’m getting my coin show assignments later than was the case in the past, so the June 4-6 Long Beach Expo and the June 18-20 Whitman Baltimore Expo are both likely but unconfirmed. I am scheduled to co-instruct my longtime class on *Collecting United States Type Coins* at the ANA’s Annual Summer Seminar, June 27-July 2.

**PARTING SHOTS** I’ll leave you with a few charming coin board images on the following page. The first is an ad from the September 1938 issue of *The Numismatist* for Colonial Coin & Stamp Company boards, though not so-identified by name. Next is a 1944 ad for Oberwise boards and folders from R. A. Wilson’s premium book, *The American Catalog*. Following that is the new vendor stamp mentioned earlier in this issue.

The last image is a photo of your editor taken at the recent Long Beach Expo holding a 100-ounce gold nugget from Australia that coin dealer Bob Campbell brought to the NGC booth for some weight-lifting fun.



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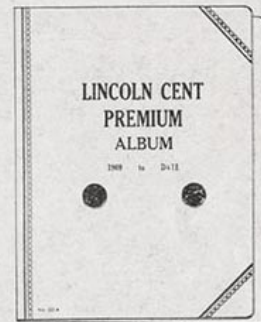
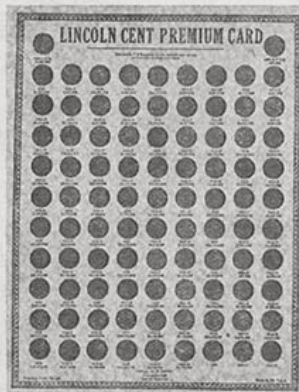
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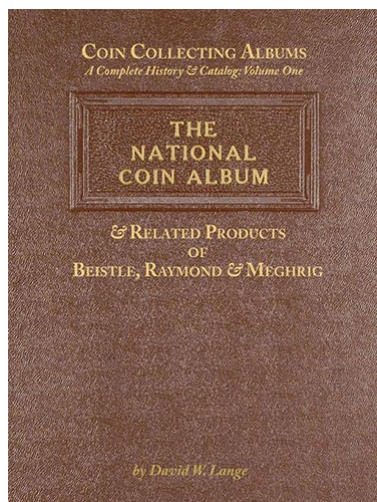
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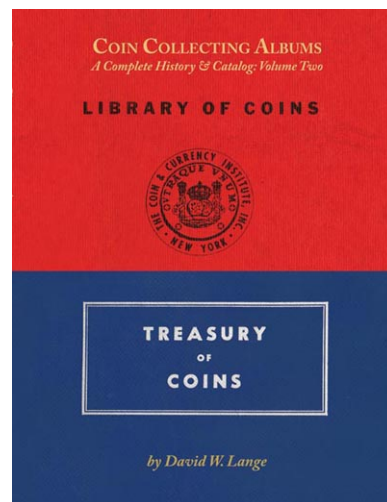
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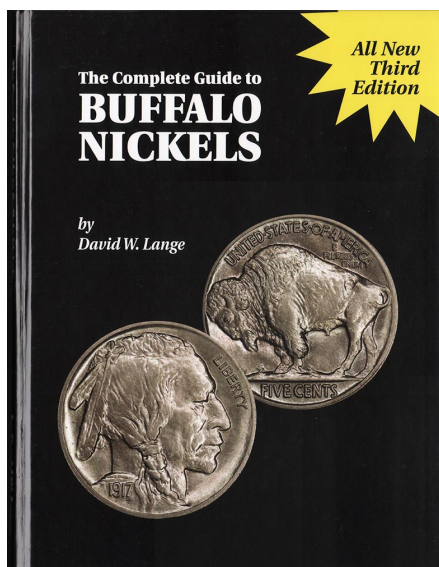


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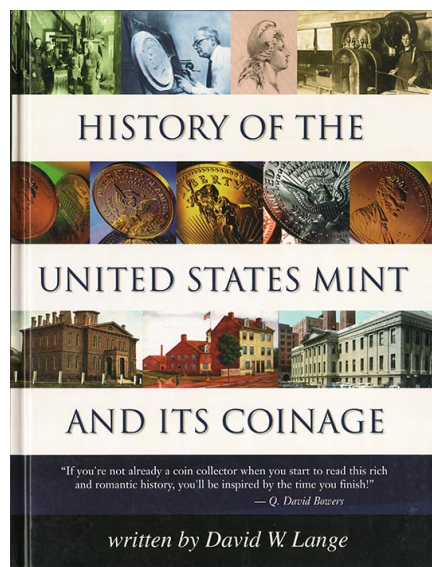


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